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OF THE

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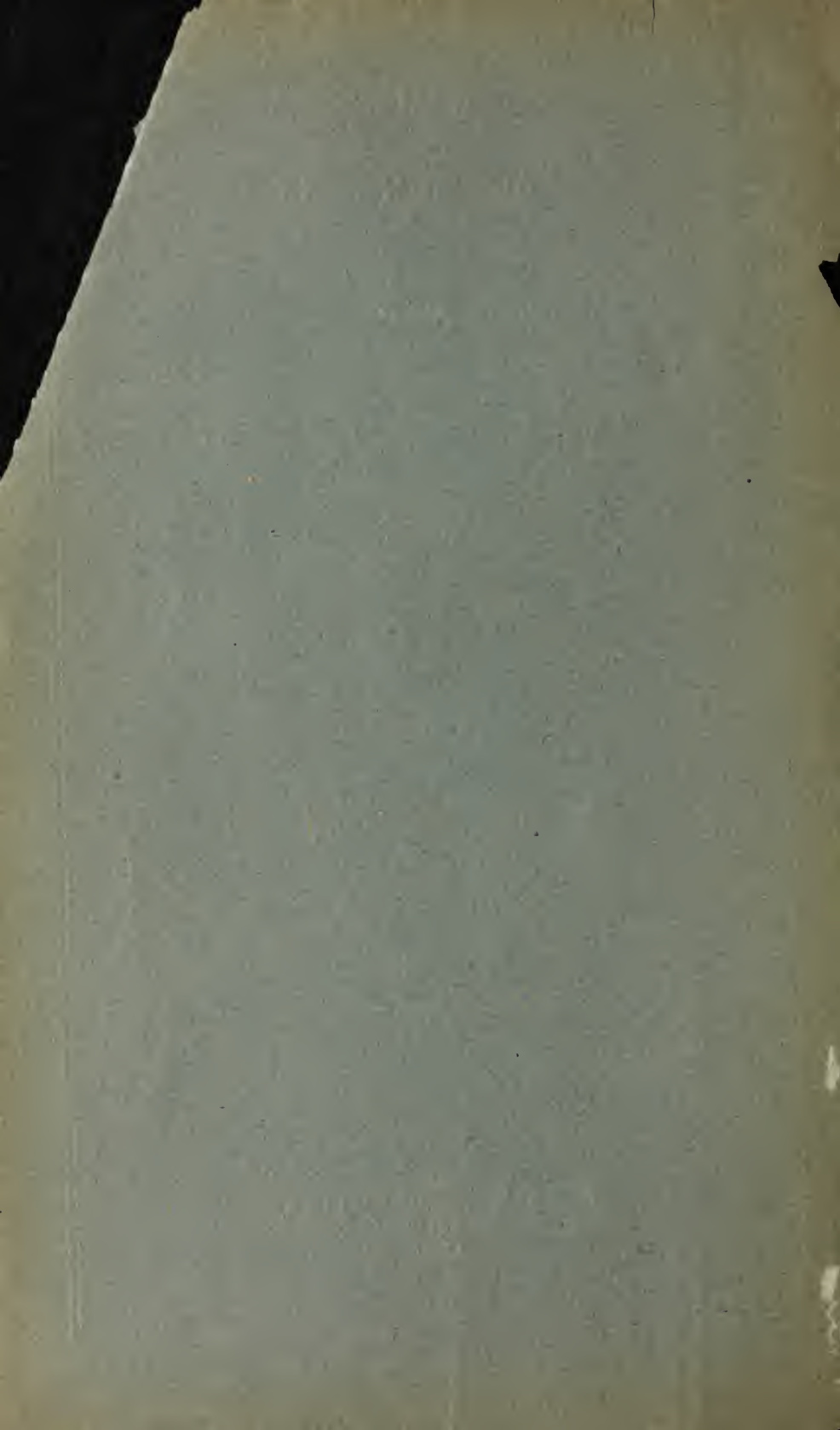
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Town Officers, 1899=1900.

Town Clerk,

CLARENCE H. BACHELLER.

Treasurer,

THOMAS H. MEEK.

Selectmen,

FRANCISCO BOWEN, THOMAS H. MEEK,
WINFIELD S. SCHUSTER.

Overseers of Poor,

CHAS. BENNETT, ORLAN F. CHASE,
WILLIAM L. CHURCH.

Assessors,

CHAUNCY R. HILL, EDWARD B. KNAPP,
JESSE B. SWEET.

Trustees Town Library,

WM. L. PENNELL, GEORGE H. STODDARD,
C. J. BACHELLER, H. O. LAMSON,
J. U. HUBBARD, CHAS. P. PIERCE.

Town Agent,
WILLIE MANAHAN.

School Committee,
F. F. YOUNG, SOLOMON F. ROOT,
H. O. LAMSON, C. J. BATCHELLER,
W. W. BROWN, M. M. LUTHER,
E. E. YOUNG, A. J. THAYER,
FRED. A. PLACE.

Constables,
MOSES H. BALCOME ARTHUR G. WOODMAN,
J. B. HOWARD, ALEX. JOHNSON,
HERBERT W. JONES, FRANCIS F. YOUNG.

Agent Moses Wallis Devise,
ORLAN F. CHASE.

Appraisers Moses Wallis Devise,
L. A. BUFFUM, WM. L. CHURCH, H. D. WALLIS.

Auditor,
WALTER E. SCHUSTER.

Tax Collector,
EDWARD B. KNAPP.

Road Commissioner,
ARTHUR F. JONES.

List of Jurors.

TO BE ACTED UPON MARCH 19, 1900.

Edgar C. Parker,
Andrew J. Thayer,
Frank Correll,
Moses H. Balcome,
Charles Bennett,
Orlan F. Chase,
Walter E. Jones,
Charles A. Whipple,
Aaron F. Jones,
E. B. Knapp,
Walter E. Parker,
James W. Wixtead,
Edwin Parker,

John U. Hubbard,
William Wellman,
Willie Manahan,
Marvel Southwick,
Marcus M. Luther,
Chauncy R. Hill,
Arthur J. Dudley,
William S. Jillson,
Herbert N. Lougee,
Walter E. Carpenter,
Fred Chappell,
Hammond Metcalf,

FRANCISCO BOWEN, } Selectmen
T. H. MEEK, } of
W. S. SCHUSTER, } Douglas.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in election and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March current, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon; then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, one Selectman for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, one Assessor for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, Town Agent, Six Constables, Tax Collector, Agent and three Appraisers on Devise of Moses Wallis, three Fence and three Bridge Viewers all for one year, also one Overseer of the Poor for three years, three School Committee for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, and one Road Commissioner for one year.

Art. 3.—To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and fill any vacancies that may appear.

Art. 4.—To vote on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year?" in this town.

Art. 5.—To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, and act thereon.

Art. 6.—To raise by tax and appropriate, such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor, of schools, for repairing school houses, repairing highways and bridges, for paying debts and interest, and contingent expenses the ensuing year.

Art. 7.—To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected.

Art. 8.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of taxes for the year 1900, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest, and see if the town will give the Collector of taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

Art. 9.—To see if the town will accept the list of names proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company, the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year, no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year ending April 1, 1901, and all fines to be deducted from said amount and covered into the treasury of the Company.

Art. 11.—To see what use the town will make of the Dog Fund so called, the ensuing year.

Art. 12.—To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of Schools shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

Art. 13.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Tax Collector the ensuing year for collecting taxes.

Art. 14.—To choose one or more Auditors in accordance with Section 1. Chap. 221, of the Laws and Resolves of the year 1888.

Art. 15.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to furnish state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and for any other purpose not included in article 6.

Art. 16.—To see if the town will authorize the Assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgment, ought to be abated, which were assessed in previous years.

Art. 17.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provision of Chap. 189, section 1, of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

Art. 18.—To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor the ensuing year.

Art. 19.—To hear the report of all outstanding committees and act thereon.

Art. 20.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year and payable therefrom.

Art. 21.—To see if the town will vote to use the license money if granted, to pay town notes.

Art. 22.—To see what action the town will take in regard to further repairs at Almshouse.

Art. 23.—To see what action the town will take in regard to bills of years 1894-96-97 of State Poor which overseers are unable to collect, whether they shall be stricken off the books or a committee appointed to await upon state as to collection of same.

Art. 24.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for constructing and repairing sidewalks and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

Art. 25.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars to build a vault in which to keep the Town Records.

Art. 26.—To see if the town will vote to purchase a stone crusher, engine and road roll for repairing highways and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 27.—To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction or otherwise, the school houses now unoccupied, and deed the same to purchasers.

Art. 28.—To see if the town will vote to foreclose any or all mortgages now in default, or which may become in default, given to this town, or take any action concerning the same or concerning the collection of the amounts due on such mortgages.

Art. 29.—To see if the town will vote to widen Hammond Avenue from Main Street, its entire length to a uniform width of twenty five feet.

Art. 30.—To see if the town will vote to revoke the action taken by the town at a previous annual town meeting whereby the town voted to accept Chap. 374 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1895, and elect one Highway Surveyor.

Art. 31.—To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chap. 16 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1894 in regard

to electing Highway Surveyors and vote to elect by ballot 10 Highway Surveyors one for each of the old school districts.

Art. 32.—To see if the town will vote to place the Town Public Library in one of the buildings owned by the town, or make any other arrangements.

Art. 33.—To see if the town will vote to oblige the abutters on the highway to remove all brush and wood within the limits of the highway.

The polls may close at three o'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center, and at the School House in South Douglas, ten days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred.

FRANCISCO BOWEN,	} Selectmen
T. H. MEEK,	
W. S. SCHUSTER,	
	} of
	} Douglas.

Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the Town of Douglas, herewith respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1900.

180 orders have been drawn on the town Treasurer, to the amount of \$15,503.10 for the following purposes :

Highways and Bridges.

Appropriation,	\$2,500 00	
Arthur F. Jones, Supt.	3,122 14—	
Overdrawn,		\$622 14

Schools and Transporting Pupils.

Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Teachers' salaries, janitor, transportation of pupils, fuel,	5,782 90—	
Overdrawn,		\$782 90

Support of Poor.

Appropriation,	\$3,000 00	
Repairs at almshouse,	338 00	
Support of Poor,	2,250 00— 2,588 00—	
Balance,		\$412 00

State Aid, Chap. 301.

Arena Chapman,	\$48 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	44 00
Wellington Dorr,	48 00

Joseph T. Arnold,	\$48 00	
Chandler Titus,	48 00	
Mrs. Henry Cook,	48 00	
Laura Balcome,	48 00	
Dighton Goddard,	10 00	
Sylvester Chase,	72 00	
George Leach,	48 00	
Charles E. Green,	40 00	
James Wilson,	48 00	
Sybil Andrews,	36 00	
Wellington H. Balcome,	60 00	
Charles A. Whipple,	48 00	
Mrs. Wm. H. Marshall,	44 00	
Horace Belding,	30 00	
George Nichols,	9 00—	\$777 00

Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R.

Vote of Town,	\$100 00
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Fire Company.

Appropriation,		\$320 00
Otis E. King,	\$12 00	
Palmer Converse,	320 00	
G. M. Bridge, painting engine,	10 00	
Wm. H. Curtis, labor,	6 05	
W. E. Haywood & Co., pipe,	8 08	
W. P. Wight, labor on engine,	5 00	
O. E. King, janitor to Oct. 1, '99,	7 50	
W. E. Jones, material,	21 71	
W. E. Jones, material,	23 02	
H. W. Logee, repairs,	4 70—	418 00
Overdrawn,		\$98 00

Town Clerk.

C. H. Bachelor, recording, indexing, and returning births, deaths, and marriages,	\$48 50	
Attending town clerk's meeting,	4 00	
Express, stationery, postage, etc.	16 71—	\$69 21

Registrars.

Edgar Parker,	\$15 00	
Frank L. Correll,	15 00	
C. H. Bacheler,	20 00—	\$50 00

Election Expenses. •

Moses Balcome,	\$2 50	
E. E. Young,	2 50	
Homer Babson,	2 50	
Frank Bowen,	5 00	
C. J. Batcheller,	5 00	
J. W. Wixtead,	5 00	
Harold Church,	5 00	
E. P. Heath,	10 00	
Fred Chappell,	5 00	
J. M. Rawson,	10 00	
W. W. McMahon,	5 00	
Thos. H. Meek,	5 00—	\$62 50

Sidewalks.

Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Expended,	249 73—	
Overdrawn,		\$149 73

Salaries.

Overseers of Poor,		
Charles Bennett,	\$100 00	
W. L. Church,	25 00	
Orlan F. Chase,	25 00—	\$150 00
Selectmen,		
Francisco Bowen,	\$33 34	
Thos. H. Meek,	33 33	
W. S. Schuster,	33 33—	100 00
Treasurer,		
T. H. Meek,		75 00
Purchasing Agent,		
Chas. J. Batcheller,		25 00
Truant Officer,		
Frank F. Young,		15 00
School Committee,		

Solomon F. Root,	}	
E. E. Young,		
Chas. J. Batcheller,		\$150 00
Assessors,		
Chauncey R. Hill,		\$115 00
J. B. Sweet,		19 00
E. B. Knapp,		123 35— \$257 35

Cattle Inspection.

Heath & Dermody,	\$5 70	
E. P. Heath,	3 04	
James Dermody,	2 85	
E. P. Heath,	4 18	
W. E. Cook,	76 25—	\$92 01

Printing.

Town and school reports, ballots, blanks,	\$109 00	
Printing and stationery,	4 20	
Printing,	8 25—	\$121 45

Sexton.

M. H. Balcome,	\$3 00
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School House Repairs.

Paid for repairs,	\$55 63
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School Books and Supplies.

Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Expenses,	328 07—	
Overdrawn,		\$28 07

Miscellaneous.

F. S. Johnson, truant school,	\$8 70
T. H. Meek,	7 43
A. J. Thayer,	1 75
A. J. Thayer,	4 69
F. L. Johnson, truant school,	8 70
F. H. Bird, insurance,	47 50

W. L. Church, mowing cemetery,	\$7 00
Officers, July 4, '99,	12 50
F. L. Johnson, truant school,	8 84
J. M. Rawson, cemetery records,	14 50
marking graves,	9 10
T. P. Fenneff, school well,	20 00
F. L. Johnson, truant,	4 28
T. P. Fenneff,	24 52
Timothy Wixtead,	36 15
Francisco Bowen, disenfecting, exp., postage,	23 59
W. L. Church, wood,	5 00
F. L. Johnson, truant,	4 42
F. Bowen, disenfecting,	4 85
expense of surveyor, and care of soldier,	5 05
F. F. Young, town warrant,	5 00
Nelson Lambert, watchman Sanborn fire,	3 00
W. D. Sanborn, watching fire,	6 00
A. J. Hall, watching fire,	6 00
W. S. Schuster, watching fire,	3 50
W. P. Wight, watching fire,	8 00
W. E. Jones,	13 43
Thompson and Wheeler, surveys,	15 65
George A. Gleason,	80
Dodge and Taft, (Libby case),	241 57
F. L. Johnson, truant,	8 70
Worcester city hospital,	
for Frank Manahan, soldier,	72 00
F. L. Johnson, truant,	4 42
The Peoples Store Co.,	12 00
Geo. C. Clarke, M. D.,	4 25
Joseph Bowen,	10 50
T. H. Meek, expenses,	33 95
S. F. Root and Co.,	4 65
Joseph Bowen, repairs,	3 95
F. L. Johnson, truant,	4 00
S. P. Holbrook, reporting births,	3 50
P. L. Couillard, medical attendance,	24 00
returning births,	3 75
Francisco Bowen, services and expenses to Worcester,	7 26
C. R. Hill, books, stationery and postage,	5 10
Paul F. Ela, M. D.,	4 00

 \$748 55

Recapitulation.

Highways and bridges,	\$3,122 14
Schools,	5,048 65
Support of Poor,	2,588 00
State aid,	777 00
Samuel Sibley Post,	100 00
Fire Company,	418 06
Re-writing town records,	162 50
Town clerk,	69 21
Registrars,	50 00
Election expenses,	62 50
Salaries,	515 00
Cattle inspectors,	92 01
Printing,	121 45
Sexton,	3 00
Assessors,	257 35
School house repairs,	55 63
School books and supplies,	328 07
Transporting pupils,	734 25
Sidewalks,	249 73
Miscellaneous,	748 55
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	\$15,503 10

We have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, and counted the money belonging to the town, and find them correct.

FRANCISCO BOWEN,	} Selectmen
T. H. MEEK,	
W. S. SCHUSTER,	
	} of Douglas.

W. E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

T. H. MEEK, Treasurer.

1899.		DR.
Mar. 21.	Balance cash on hand, rec'd from J. W. Wixtead, Treasurer,	\$161 78
28.	Rec'd from Lillian Barnett, tuition,	15 00
18.	State Treas., corp'n tax,	18 81
29.	Bond & Goodwin, on note,	2,500 00
Apr. 1.	E. P. Heath, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ taxes '98,	225 26
	Dist. Court,	17 80
3.	Beulah Taylor, tuition,	3 35
9.	R. H. Chamberlain, fine S. Broderick,	10 00
16.	John Condon, butch. license,	1 00
29.	Chas. Mercier and Ed. Jean-notte, licenses, \$1,800.00 each.	3,600 00
May 6.	State Treas., $\frac{1}{2}\%$ inspection of animals,	22 80
8.	J. M. Rawson, auct. license,	2 00
9.	N. Bonville, pool table lic.	5 00
11.	John Dufo, lic. billiards, etc.	15 00
19.	T. J. Murphy, butch. license, G. L. Dauphinee, 6th class license,	1 00
20.	Jos. Sherin, peddlers license,	6 00
	Fred Allard, butch. license,	1 00

May 20.	Rec'd from Herbert Jones, butch. lic.	\$1 00
28.	Brown and Parker, license merry-go-round,	12 00
	J. W. McMahon, butch. lic.	1 00
June 10.	Town of Charlton, aid rend.	
	J. A. Carpenter,	7 00
29.	W. E. Cook, auct. license,	2 00
July 1.	W. R. Wallis, on note,	1,000 00
	E. B. Knapp, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ taxes '97,	80 00
	Dist. Court, for April, May, June,	22 33
15.	E. B. Knapp, Collector, '99,	150 00
19.	" " "	1,800 00
26.	" " "	5,900 00
Aug. 4.	" " "	2,400 00
12.	" " "	500 00
Sep. 12.	State Treas., burial state paup.	15 00
19.	E. B. Knapp, Collector, '99,	300 00
28.	" " "	300 00
30.	" " "	600 00
Oct. 2.	Dist. Court, July, Aug. Sept.	76 24
7.	E. B. Knapp, Collector, '99,	300 00
23.	Bulah Taylor, tuition,	3 50
	E. B. Knapp, Collector, '99,	400 00
Nov. 4.	" " "	1,000 00
10.	Horace Martin, peddlers lic.	6 00
12.	E. B. Knapp, Collector, '99,	200 00
28.	" " "	200 00
Dec. 9.	State 'Treas., corp'n tax,	153 64
	national bank tax,	130 28
	state aid,	877 00
	support state paup.	50 55
	temporary sup- port state paup.	26 83
	burial state paup.	15 00
23.	E. B. Knapp, Collector, '99,	200 00
27.	" " "	100 00
28.	County Treas., dog fund,	277 25
1900.		
Jan. 2.	Dist. Court, Oct., Nov., Dec.,	4 89
6.	E. P. Heath, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ taxes '98,	200 00
	E. B. Knapp, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ taxes '99,	100 00
	International Trust Co., int. $\frac{1}{2}\%$,	133 57

Jan. 26.	Rec'd from State Treas., supp. state paup.	\$124 75
	temporary sup- port state paup.	3 25
	burial state paup.	13 50
	income school fund,	294 38
Feb. 3.	E. B. Knapp, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ taxes '99,	200 00
	Chas. Bennett, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ L. Willette,	2 00
19.	Frank Strogoff, peddl. license,	6 00
Mar. 3.	E. B. Knapp, Collector, '99,	300 00
	" " "	14 20
	" " "	200 00
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		\$25,309 96

T. H. MEEK, Treasurer.

1899.		CR.
Mar. 29.	By paid Bond and Goodwin, discount on note, \$2,500.00, $3\frac{1}{8}\%$,	\$39 06
April 1.	M. M. Luther, int. to Mar. 29, '99,	12 00
3.	Estate A. Butler, int. to May 1, '99,	30 00
	int. to Feb 19, '99,	24 00
22.	Edwin Moore, int. to Mar. 26, '99,	120 00
8.	E. P. Heath, Sheriff,	41 11
May 6.	Lura A. Wallis, int. to Apr. 20, '99,	48 00
24.	State Treas., 25% liquor lic. fees,	900 00
29.	Library order No. 103,	102 50
June 3.	No. 104,	17 95
	S. Richardson, int. to May 30, '99,	37 96
July 1,	Wm. Abbott, int. to Apr. 6, '99,	90 00
	F. L. Johnson, Supt.,	8 70
	E. P. Heath, Sheriff, fines, etc.,	27 96
7.	E Moore, int. to May 26, '99,	42 00
	int. to June 19, '99,	30 00
	int. to Apr. 29, '99,	78 00
Aug. 18.	W. D. Bridge, painting engine,	16 50
Sept. 1.	W. R. Wallis, note and int.	1,010 00
2.	E. N. Jenckes, interest on two notes to Apr. 17, '99,	110 00
	Town library $\frac{1}{2}\%$,	18 68
30.	" " "	220 84

Oct. 7.	By paid	Bond & Goodwin, note,	\$2,500 00
		E. P. Heath, Sheriff, fees, etc.	21 81
		F. F. Young, Constable, fees, etc.	12 00
Nov. 10.		Lavina Jones, int. to Nov. 10, '99,	30 00
Dec. 2.		Chas. Bennett, amount rec'd	
		from town of Charlton,	7 00
9.		Library order No. 67,	15 53
		State Treas., state tax,	600 00
19.		Retus Walling, int. to Nov. 18, '99,	65 70
1900.			
Jan. 1.		E. P. Heath, Sheriff, fees, etc.	51 90
		International Trust Co., school	
		house bond No. 2, and int.,	1,040 00
		International Trust Co., school	
		house bonds, Nos. 3 to 15,	
		interest,	520 00
Feb. 27.		Retus Walling note,	1,115 26
Mar. 3.		Library order No. 108,	17 39
		" " No. 109,	52 75
		E. B. Knapp, abatement W. H.	
		Sheldon, '99,	7 75
		E. B. Knapp, discount on taxes	247 09
		E. B. Knapp, inhabitants tax,	29 45
		E. B. Knapp, abatement John	
		M. Rawson, '97,	7 10
		E. B. Knapp, abatement Geo.	
		R. Richardson, '97,	7 10
		Selectmens orders Nos. 1 to	
		180,	15,522 10
		Balance cash on hand,	414 77
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			\$25,309 96

T. H. MEEK, Treasurer.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Assets and Liabilities.

Assets March 1, 1900.

Cash on hand, in bank,	\$414 77
Lockup and school house property,	5,000 00
Almshouse establishment,	3,000 00
Personal property at almshouse,	1,873 03
Engine building and lot,	1,350 00
Fire engine and hose,	800 00
Two safes in selectmen's room,	425 00
Road machine, scraper and tools,	326 43
Books and supplies sold,	10 50
New books and stationery on hand,	215 00
Due from state, on account state aid,	777 00
Support of state paupers,	23 98
Inspection of cattle,	67 80
Coal on hand at new school house,	183 75
E. B. Knapp, Collector, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ '96,	148 32
New town hall building and lot,	2,800 00
Due from state, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ burial indigent soldiers,	35 00
E. B. Knapp, Collector, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ taxes '97,	174 10
E. B. Knapp, Collector, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ taxes '99,	1,306 01
E. P. Heath, Collector, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ taxes 98,	301 36
New school house,	17,000 00
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	\$36,232 05

Liabilities.

Notes to Albert Butler Estate, two notes,	\$900 00
Edwin Moore, four notes,	4,500 00
M. M. Luther,	200 00
Sarah Richardson,	632 68
William Abbott,	1,500 00
E. N. Jenckes, Agent,	2,000 00
Lura Wallis,	800 00
Lavina S. Jones,	500 00
James Smith,	1,000 00
School house loan, 4's,	13,000 00
Due Mrs. A. K. Richardson Estate,	600 00

Interest on above notes,	1,171 96
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	\$26,804 64

The town has borrowed during the year on its notes:

W. R. Wallis, for 2 mos., (paid)	\$1,000 00
Bond & Goodwin, 6 mos., (paid)	2,500 00
Paid note to Retus Walling Heirs, and int.	1,095 00
new school house note No. 2,	1,000 00

T. H. MEEK, Treasurer.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Annual Report of the Overseers of the Poor,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1900.

CHARLES E. SIBLEY, Supt of Almshouse.

Personal property at Almshouse, as per inventory	
March, 1, 1900,	\$1,873 03
March 1, 1899,	1,770 35
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Showing an increase of	\$102 68

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows:

1899.	DR.
Mar. 1. Cash in hands of Supt.,	\$26 72
Apr. 22. Rec'd from L. Bent,	4 50
May 3. Guy Balcome,	3 50
10. William Peters, labor,	4 00
Merritt Parker,	1 00
11. Guy Balcome, labor,	1 50
E. C. Parker, for lumber,	38 16
June 19. F. Converse, 8 dinners,	2 00
Mrs. Rogers, milk & lumber,	4 40
July 23. Jesse Thompson, labor,	6 00
L. Bent, labor,	6 50

July 11.	Rec'd from Geo. Brown, labor,	\$5 00
Aug. 7.	Mrs. Charles Hilton, labor & potatoes,	8 00
	W. Brown, milk,	4 00
Aug. 8.	J. B. Sweet, labor,	115 33
25.	Mrs. Chas. White, funeral,	2 00
26.	Frank Chase, 4 days board,	2 00
Oct. 26.	Geo. Palmer, labor,	75
	Frank Chase, 3 weeks board,	7 50
	Four lbs. pork,	40
Dec. 20.	Daniel Rogers, 83 lbs. pork,	5 00
Jan. 6.	Peter Kalutz, $5\frac{2}{7}$ weeks board,	15 85
16.	Walter Sweet, labor,	1 00
	One cow,	30 00
	Mrs. Rogers, milk,	25
	J. M. Rawson, labor in cemetery,	22 10
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		\$317 46
1899.		Cr.
Apr. 6.	Paid for Turpentine,	\$ 20
	Soap,	5 00
	Spices,	94
May 1.	George Bent, 8 weeks work,	32 00
3.	Soapine,	1 00
5.	Two qts. harness oil,	1 50
	Ross Bros. 14 ft. saw,	2 00
	Pair ice tongs,	1 00
	Two water pails,	75
21.	E. C. Parker, fertilizer,	7 00
	Lamp wicks,	30
	Garden seed,	75
24.	Mrs. Rogers, work,	3 00
29.	Fred Chapelle, tomato plants,	1 50
June 7.	Repairs on mowing machine,	10 19
	Rose Bros. 6 cultivator points and bolts,	1 60
	Paris Green,	60
	Clothes basket,	60
23.	Combination Seeder,	8 00
	W. A Stockwell, doctoring horse,	5 00
	Ice pick,	25
	W. W. Brown, strawberries,	3 00
July 1.	George Bent, for work,	32 00
11.	Clutch for mowing machine, and exp.	50
	J. B. Sweet, bag fertilizer,	1 80

July 11.	C. P. Brown, harness, saddle and repairs,	\$15 25
Aug. 15.	Repairing Mr. Green's glasses,	75
18.	Wood saw,	95
	Liniment and extracts,	1 25
Sept. 1.	George Bent, labor,	32 00
14.	Fish and oysters,	1 25
	Comb for Ellen Thayer,	10
Oct. 24.	Bushel of onions,	75
	Five apple trees.	1 25
Nov. 1.	Bread,	35
24.	Peck cranberries,	50
	Quart oysters,	40
	Frank Smith, labor,	2 00
	Repairing St. Martin's shoes,	90
Dec. 24.	Babson fish bill,	5 00
	Suel Chase, making 21 gals. cider,	63
Jan. 16.	Mrs. Putnam, boraxine,	50
20.	W. E. Jones, account,	1 30
	John Walling, services of bull,	2 50
	Frank Smith, butch. 2 hogs,	1 00
	A. J. Dudley, account,	9 33
	Tea kettle,	1 25
	Mrs. Rogers, 52 washings,	52 00
	Four pigs,	14 00
	Two lbs. spikes and two papers tacks,	22
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		\$265 91
Cash on hand of Supt,		51 55
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		\$317 46

The Overseers have paid the following bills on town farm account,

Apr. 1.	C. J. Sibley, salary,	\$75 00
May 4.	F. J. Mills, bakery,	6 70
30.	T. J. Murphy, meat,	12 73
June 3.	Dr. Clarke, for Rhoda Hill,	3 00
16.	Horse of J. R. Jenkins,	125 00
July 1.	C. J. Sibley, salary,	75 00
20.	F. J. Mills, baker,	8 90
	Dr. Ela, medical, Mrs. Jones, June and July,	22 00
	Presarved Green,	1 00
Oct. 7.	Root & Wixtead, store acct.	150 00

Oct.	7.	E. N. Jenckes, store acct.	100 00
		John Condon, butch. bill,	34 50
		T. J. Murphy, butch. bill,	20 31
		C. J. Sibley, salary,	75 00
		Frank Mills, baker 3 mos.	13 75
		Dr. Ela, 2 mos. attendance Mrs. Jones,	14 00
	16.	W. R. Wallis, bill,	30 40
Nov.	4.	Frank Chase, $27\frac{3}{8}$ cords wood, @ 80¢,	21 90
		Dr. Ela, mo. of Oct.,	5 00
Dec.	1.	G. Dauphinee, medicines for almshouse Mar. 1 to Nov. 1,	27 00
	2.	Dr. Ela. attendance Mrs. Jones, mo. Nov. Ellen Thayer,	1 00 7 00
Jan.	6.	C. J. Sibley, salary.	75 00
Jan.	8.	Dr. Ela, attendance Ellen Thayer,	10 00
		W. R. Wallis, hardware supplies,	17 06
		G. Dauphinee, drugs for almshouse,	6 75
	9.	Democrat wagon,	65 00
	17.	F. J. Mills, baker,	9 80
Feb.	23.	T. J. Murphy, butcher,	12 24
		John McMann, butcher,	15 99
	26.	H. N. Lougee, blacksmithing,	20 00
	27.	G. L. Dauphinee, medicines,	2 25
Mar.	1.	John Condon, butcher,	15 70
		Root and Wixtead, groceries,	77 08
		E. N. Jenckes, groceries,	67 23
		F. J. Mills, baker,	5 60
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			\$1,228 89

Summary.

Charles Sibley, has paid for supplies as per report,	\$265 91
The Overseers have paid as per this report,	1,228 89
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	\$1,494 80
Supt. has rec'd for labor, produce, etc.	\$317 46
Increase of personal property at almshouse, 102 68—	420 14
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Cost for support of poor at almshouse,	\$1,074 66
Number of weeks board of Poor,	250
Cost per week,	4 29 $\frac{3}{4}$

Inmates at almshouse,	Age,	Weeks Board,
Nancy Jones,	76	52
Rhoda Hill,	87	52
Ellen Thayer,	42	52
Charles St. Martin,	25	52
Presarved Green,	87	32
Frank Chase,		8
Tramps fed, equal to		2—250

Outside Poor.

Mrs. Clara Joggerson,	\$3 50	
Albert Green,	5 00	
Mrs. Francis Balcome,	5 50	
Mrs. Armedia Cloutia,	3 50	
Lemo Willett,	2 00	
Clarence Sweeney,	20 00	
Mrs. Anthony Ledeaux,	57 50	
Mrs. Margaret Duprey,	48 00	
Mrs. George Casey,	52 00	
Miss Sylvia Wakefield,	60 00	
Mrs. George Haven,	16 29	
Joseph Jenney,	48 00	
Charles Rinfrette,	72 27	
Alfred Signet,	145 00	
Julian Gould,	164 75	
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Assisted Poor of Other Towns.

Nora Boyce, Northbridge,	\$18 00	
May Barnes, Oxford,	34 00	
Mrs. Louis Gaborey, Fall River,	32 50	
John Carpenter, Charlton,	7 00	
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State Poor.

Peter Kalutz,	\$134 25
Hannah Berggren,	45 05
Olaf Yourman,	25 00
Mrs. Adolp. Gardner,	20 25

Charles Linare,	\$13 55
Alfred Reno,	6 83
Alfred Anderson,	23 98
John Tholin Swanson,	7 25
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	\$276 16

Due from State,	
Alfred Anderson,	\$23 98
Charles Linare and John Swanson traveling fee to Tewksbury, of which state pays 3 cts. per mile all over 30 miles,	

The Overseers have placed in Town Warrant an article to see what action town will take in regard to bills of years 1894-'96-'97 of state poor, which Overseers are unable to collect, whether they shall be stricken off of our books or a committee appointed to await upon State as to collection.

Due from State on old bills,	
1896.—Peter Kalud,	\$30 40
1897.—Frederick Kennier,	59 94
1896.—James R. Mills,	16 50
1894.—Joseph Derosia,	19 25
1896.—Joseph La Plant,	17 00— \$143 09

Lockup Account.

1899.		
Apr. 12.	Lock and keys,	\$ 50
Aug. 5.	Whitewashing and cleaning,	3 25
Sep. 20.	A. C. Taylor, Painting,	2 00
Oct. 7.	T. Wixtead, salary,	20 00
Nov. 4.	W. L. Church, 6 ft. wood,	3 00
1900.		
Mar. 1.	Root & Wixtead, lockup supplies,	17 32
	T. Wixtead, care of lockup,	25 00
	Joseph Bowen, filing saws,	75— \$71 82
	Number of tramps for year,	305

Miscellaneous Accounts.

1899.			
Mar.	2.	Trip to Worcester Hospital on account of Alfred Signet,	\$2 00
Apr.	8.	Trip to Northbridge, for Nora Boyce,	1 00
	12.	Book and stationery,	1 50
	17.	Envelopes, 500, for Overseers,	1 50
		Stamps,	1 00
	21.	Expense of team, John Carpenter case,	1 25
June	1.	To Boston, state poor,	4 00
	18.	To Northbridge, Nora Boyce,	1 00
Aug.	2.	Stamps,	1 00
		To Oxford on Sweeney case,	1 25
	18.	Blank for Tewksbury Almshouse,	25
Sept.	5.	Trip to Ware, for Reno children, and to Worcester, for Frank Manahan,	5 00
Oct.	7.	Stamps,	1 00
Nov.	4.	Church and Chase, to Providence,	5 00
Oct.	25.	Telegraphing to state,	25
Dec.	4.	To Webster, on Kalutz case,	26
	23.	Blanks,	25
	26.	Trip to Oxford, for Naham Davis,	1 25
	28.	Orlan Chase, moving state paupers to almshouse,	1 00
		C. J. Batcheller, printing notices almshouse,	1 25
Jan.	6.	Stamps,	1 00
		Copy of settlement laws,	2 30
		Trip to Boston, state paupers,	2 50
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			\$36 81

Amount Received for Support of Poor.

1899.		Received from town treasurer,	\$2,250 00
Mar.	1.	Cash from last years account,	33 12
	13.	Received from Oxford, for May Barnes,	17 00
	16.	City of Fall River, Louis Gaborey,	7 25
June	8.	Town of Northbridge, Nora Boyce,	18 00
	14.	Nora Boyce,	47 00
July	14.	Fall River, Louis Gaborey,	8 50

Aug. 11.	Oxford for May Barnes,	\$21 00
Dec. 2.	Received from Charlton, John Carpenter,	7 00
11.	Oxford for May Barnes,	13 00
Feb. 27.	Received from Fall River, Louis Gaborey,	24 00
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		\$2,445 87

Recapitulation.

Paid on account of poor at almshouse,	\$1,228 89
Lockup,	71 82
Miscellaneous,	36 81
Aided poor outside of almshouse,	703 31
Poor of other towns,	91 50
State poor,	276 16
Cash in hands of Overseer, March 1, 1900,	37 38
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	\$2,445 87

Total cost for supporting poor for the year ending, March 1900,	\$2,445 87
Amount due from state,	23 98

Repairs at Almshouse during the year 1899,

Repairs have been made consisting of shingling, painting, (outside and in), papering, whitewashing, digging cesspool and building drain etc., for which repairs we have spent the sum of \$338.00. The Overseers have placed an article in the town warrant to see what action the town will take in regard to further repairs at almshouse,

Overseers have received for their services,	
Charles Bennett,	\$100 00
Orlan Chase,	25 00
William L. Church,	25 00 —\$150 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BENNETT,	} Overseers
ORLAN CHASE,	
WILLIAM L. CHURCH,	
	of
	Poor.

Review.

Cost of Supporting the Poor Years Previous to 1899.

Years.	Almshouse.	Cost per week.	No. of weeks.	Outside Poor.	Money drawn from treasurer.	Total cost for year.
1900	1,074 66	\$4 29	250	\$703 31	\$2,250	2,445 87
1899	1,155 30	3 45	334	717 69	2,358	2,622 00
1898	864 43	2 12	409	1,609 04	4,115	
1897	776 25	1 95	397	1,245 40	3,720	3,745 26
1896	1,101 58	2 38	338	1,021 02	2,650	2,776 55
1895	732 62	2 14	304	2,172 89	3,720	3,334 45
1894	840 05	3 12	241	2,154 12	2,650	3,471 67
1893	628 58	2 72	230	1,651 42	3,285	2,919 23
1892	929 76	6 72	159	1,656 36	3,429	
1891	796 52	3 43	197	1,657 78	2,890	
1890	875 81	4 01	218	1,845 98	2,620	
1889	591 91	2 84	208	3,144 48	2,698	
1888	855 12	3 31	189	2,621 86	2,621	
1887	724 44	1 27	275	1,852 47		
1886	960 46	2 25	345	1,867 44		
1885	665 90	1 85	449	2,425 79		

Report of the
Commissioner of Roads,
 ON THE
Expenditures on Roads and Bridges,
for Labor and Supplies,
 FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1900.

ARTHUR F. JONES, Commissioner.

Ralph Aldrich, horses, 44h.	\$8 80	L. A. Buffum, 56 h.	\$8 40
Man and horse, 25 h.	3 75	Horses and cart, 42 h.	8 40
Ira Arnold, 10 h.	1 50	Major Benson, carpenter	
Jo Ashley, 66 h.	9 90	work, 48 h.	12 00
John Anderson, 96 h.	14 40	Horse, 3½ h.	35
Driving Scraper, 33 h.	5 78	Labor, 3½ h.	53
Bosmer and horses,	5 05	Geo. Caravon, 50 h.	7 50
Will Benson carpenter work,		Edrastus Chase, 5 h.	75
39 h.	7 80	Henry Chase, 5 h.	75
Chas. Barton, horses 38 h.	7 60	Alphonzo Chase, 5 h.	75
Frank Butterworth, 10 h.	1 50	John Cooney, 86 h.	12 90
Horses, 10 h.	2 00	Almon Chapman, 15 h.	2 25
John Bates, 15 h.	2 25	Horses, 10 h.	2 00
Potter Bates, 28½ h.	4 27	Frank Copp, 91 h.	13 65
Hod Belding, 172 h.	25 80	Wm. Church, 50 h.	7 50
John Brigham 91 h.	13 65	Horses and cart, 35 h.	7 00
Ths. Boyle, 130 h.	19 50	Harold Church, 75 h.	11 25
Everett Brown, 103 h.	15 45	Fred Casey, 28 h.	4 20
R. Bulgeck, 36 h.	5 40	Jas. Clarke, 225 h.	33 75
Balcome, 19 h.	2 85	Gifford Dudley, 35 h.	5 25
Walter Buxton, 50 h.	7 50	Horses, 140 h.	28 00

Jim Dudley, 15 h.	82 25
Peter Delayer, 156½ h.	23 48
Jerry Dunlavy and men, 119 h.	17 85
Horses, 119 h.	23 80
Harry Dudley, 10 h.	75
Guss Dudley, 153 h.	22 95
Horses, 160 h.	32 00
4 horses on scrape, 33h.	19 80
John Eagan, 20 h.	3 00
Frank Eddy, 10 h.	1 50
Pat Eagan, 25 h.	3 75
John Farley, 76 h.	11 40
Ths. Fenniff and horse, 10h.	3 00
Peter Fenniff, 10 h.	1 50
Albert Frende, 145 h.	21 75
Frank Gazett, 19 h.	2 85
Lewis Gabory, 298 h.	44 70
Jas. Gouchee, 78 h.	11 70
Driving scraper, 130 h.	22 75
Chas. Gerard, 57½ h.	8 63
Gasso, 15 h.	2 25
Ernest Gerard, 324 h.	48 60
John Hetherington, 10 h.	1 50
Arthur Holbrook, 188 h.	28 20
Albert Harper, 30 h.	4 50
Arthur Jones, comm., 1416 h.	283 20
Horses on carts, 1851½ h.	370 30
4 horses on scraper, 235 h.	141 00
Driving horse, 454 h.	22 70
A. F. Jones, carpenter work, 10 h.	2 50
Driving horse, 10 h.	50
Perl Jepperson, 14 h.	2 10
Richard Johnson, 210 h.	31 50
Frank Knight, 14 h.	2 10
Otis King, 789 h.	118 35
Frank Kenyon, 8 h.	1 20
Boy, 16 h.	1 60
Harry Lunn, 713 h.	106 95
Driving scraper, 115h.	20 13
Dave Livingstone, 15 h.	2 25
Labell, 5 h.	75
George Lindberg, 10 h.	1 50
Ike Mellen, 38 h.	5 70
Meyen, 83 h.	12 45
E. Manning, 53 h.	7 95
Lewis Noles, 535 h.	80 25
Horse, 25 h.	2 50

Amrose Noles, 293 h.	\$43 95
Geo. Nichols, 20 h.	3 00
Thomas Noles, 244 h.	36 60
Fred Parks, 18 h.	2 70
Peters, 18 h.	2 70
Peter Pelequin, 10 h.	1 50
John Paine, 407 h.	61 05
Edgar Parker, horses 20 h.	4 00
James Peters Sr., 20 h.	3 00
Horses, 20 h.	4 00
Henry Peters, 20 h.	3 00
Wm. Peak, 4 h.	60
John Patterson, 4 h.	60
Alix Ritchie 59 h.	8 85
Roberts, 60 h.	9 00
Albert Reno, 332½ h.	49 88
Nep. Roberts, 45 h.	6 75
Jo Reynolds, 12 h.	1 80
Frank Rawson, 45 h.	6 75
Andrew Roberts, 45 h.	6 75
Horse and cart, 45 h.	5 63
Raymond, 6 h.	90
Jo Richardson, 31 h.	4 65
Horses, 36 h.	7 20
Dan Rogers, 21 h.	3 15
Richard Shaw, 602½ h.	90 38
Geo. Seymour, 4 h.	60
Jo Savory, 20 h.	3 00
Smith's man, 5 h.	75
Frank Smith, 330½ h.	49 58
Mason work, 46½ h.	11 60
Helge Sevenerson, 343 h.	51 45
Jo Stay, 89 h.	13 35
Horse, 120 h.	12 00
A. B. Simmons, 50 h.	7 50
Chas. Stevens, 10 h.	1 50
W. A. Sherman, 22 h.	3 30
Thayer's men, 798 h.	119 70
E. T. Thayer, horses, 97½ h.	19 50
Man and horse, 23 h.	8 05
Charles Titas, 36 h.	5 40
Geo. Walling, 12 h.	1 80
Thos. Wixted, 30 h.	4 50
Frank Wellman, 20 h.	3 00
Horses, 20 h.	2 50
Geo. Wallis, 10 h.	1 50
Will Young, 19 h.	2 85
Horses, 15 h.	3 00
Cleaning out Main street drain,	24 46

Snow Roads.

For 1899,	\$58 83	Bridges and rails,	\$290 38
For 1900,	22 15	Road machine, new	
Supplies, gravel and dynamite,	94 17	tools etc.	23 46
		Sum total for maintaining highways for the year, 3,122 14	

List of Supplies and Tools on Hand.

Two road machines,	\$250 00	
Four bridge stringers,	15 00	
Two mattocks,	1 50	
Eighteen shovels,	13 50	
Six steel snow shovels @ 35¢,	2 10	
One post spade,	50	
Three scythes and sticks,	4 50	
Two steel bars,	3 00	
One manure fork,	75	
Twelve stone picks,	6 00	
One stone rake,	50	
Seven picks,	3 50	
Four hoes,	1 00	
Two mason hoes,	1 50	
Fourteen drills,	2 50	
One-half bbl. cement,	63	
One trowel,	75	
One plow,	15 00	
Plank and posts, etc.	3 00	
40 lbs. fence wire,	1 20--	\$321 43

Prices paid for Labor and Teams:

Commissioner, per hour,	20 cents.
Commissioner, driving horse, per hour,	5
Men laborers,	15
Boy laborers,	10 to 12½
Horse and cart,	12½
Two horses and cart,	20

Two horses on road scraper,	30
Man driving scraper.	17½
Oxen and cart,	20

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. JONES, Road Commissioner.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Report of

Orlan F. Chase, Agent.

On the Devise of Moses Wallis,

To the Town of Douglas,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1900.

The Agent charges himself with notes due the town		
March 1st, 1899,		\$17,130 00
Accrued interest,		1,515 33
Cash in hands of Agent,		5,556 96
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		\$24,202 29
1899.		
Mar. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$5,556 96
4.	Rec'd of John Vallier,	18 00
11.	Henry T. Brown,	112 00
	Williard Whipple,	27 00
22.	Augustus Willett,	208 15
Apr. 10.	Mary A. Reynolds,	15 00
19.	Frank O. Arnold,	12 00
28.	Edward C. Duboise,	24 00
May 11.	Mary J. Willis,	7 00
23.	Maria C. Wood,	6 00
23.	Harriet C. Caswell,	12 00
June 10.	Mrs. O. C. Emerson,	18 00
20.	Frank O. Arnold,	202 60
July 5.	Joseph P. M. Augier,	18 00
Aug. 12.	George M. Wallis,	100 80

Apr. 28.	Rec'd of George Roberts,	\$9 00
Sept. 9.	Asa Ross,	40 80
11.	Wellington Balcome,	15 00
Oct. 4.	Alexander Ritchie,	12 00
12.	Mary A. Reynolds,	6 00
	John H. Gough,	42 00
13.	John D. Darling,	18 00
19.	Mary E. Mowry,	6 00
26.	David Lunn,	15 00
Nov. 3.	Preserved Alger,	6 00
	E. T. Thayer,	24 00
	Frank Duval,	20 00
23.	Amos Lunn.	11 40
Dec. 1.	Frank Duval,	20 00
16.	Mrs. J. B. Chapdelain,	12 00
21.	J. F. Humes,	6 00
26.	Lewis Terrier,	24 00
1900.		
Jan. 3.	Frank C. McCormick,	9 00
4.	Frank La Francis,	9 00
	Frank Duval,	10 00
10.	Frank H. Bird, L. S. Whipple note and int.	536 25
19.	Louisa M. Dore,	12 00
26.	Sarah Dufo,	12 00
29.	John C. F. Bates,	9 00
Feb. 3.	Wm. H. Metcalf,	12 00
	Salina Casey,	30 00
9.	Williard Whipple,	27 00
14.	Daniel Phillips, note and interest,	214 50
	Frank A. Thurber,	38 00
16.	Zilpha M. Rawson,	30 00
23.	Peter Jarvis,	25 00
24.	Frank E. Wellman,	12 00
	Susan V. Thayer,	30 00
	Arthur L. Putnam,	256 00
26.	Frank Duval,	11 50
	Harriet C. Caswell,	12 00
28.	James Wixtead,	12 00
	David Lunn,	3 60
	C. F. Rawson,	12 00
	Adolphus F. Brown,	60 00
	W. F. Young,	30 00

Feb. 28.	Rec'd of New England Trust Co., int. on dep. to Jan. 1, 1900,	\$96 76
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		\$8,134 32

The Agent has loaned and paid out as follows :

1899.		
Mar. 23.	Paid discharging mortgage,	25
	Recording mortgage,	1 04
	Examining title,	2 00
	Expense on safe,	3 00
Apr. 4.	Wm. H. Emerson, care of devise,	6 00
	Moving safe,	1 25
	Postage stamps,	1 00
	Mortgage and check stamps,	1 04
June 20.	Discharging mortgage,	1 00
24.	Loaned George M. Wallis,	100 00
July 17.	Examining title,	3 00
26.	Taxes on devise,	370 43
1900.		
Jan. 10.	Discharging mortgages,	25
	Postage stamps,	75
Feb. 14.	Discharging mortgage,	25
Mar. 1.	Henry D. Wallis, Appraiser,	1 50
	Wm. L. Church, Appraiser,	2 00
	Agents services and expenses,	83 00
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		\$577 76

Notes due the Town March 1, 1900.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Mitchel Augier,	Joseph Augier,	\$15 40	\$300 00
Bertrand Aldrich,		56 66	500 00
Preserved Alger,		2 06	100 00
Joseph T. Arnold,	Arthur L. Putnam,		200 00
Adolphus F. Brown,		68 00	500 00
Alvin H. Brown,	A. F. Brown,	50 00	500 00
Emma J. Brown,		13 12	150 00
Margaret F. Brown,	Henry T. Brown,	5 67	100 00
Potter M. Bates,	John C. F. Bates,	3 37	150 00
Vesta H. Balcome,	Wellington Balcome,	3 64	125 00

Chas. S. Caswell,		\$115 00	\$500 00
Harriet C. Caswell,		10 00	200 00
Salina Casey,		63 00	500 00
John D. Darling,		15 00	300 00
Frank Duval,		9 25	300 00
Frank Duval,		8 37	125 00
Mary M. Gough,		34 35	100 00
Joel Glover,	Sarah Dufo,	2 93	200 00
Amos A. Humes,	Nancy Nowelle,	83 78	350 00
Charles Hilton,		36 40	200 00
Emma Hannant,		27 70	200 00
Peter Jarvis,		6 10	150 00
Louisa Jarvis,		18 60	100 00
Frank LaFrancis,		1 55	150 00
David & Amos Lunn,		10 33	500 00
Rufus P. Johnson,	Edward C. Dubois,	24 00	400 00
Eva Maxim,	J. Fred Humes,	1 40	100 00
Mary J. Murphy,		53 00	330 00
Mary E. Mowry,		75	100 00
James McCormick,	John H. Gough.	62 50	350 00
Sarah H. Paine,	Asa Ross,	5 67	200 00
Russell M. Peters,		52 97	250 00
Joanna Rawson,	C. F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
Mary A. Reynolds,		13 83	250 00
Mary A. Reynolds,		2 30	100 00
George Roberts,		8 02	150 00
Ira T. Robbins,	F. C. McCormick,	10 50	150 00
J. & M. Rivers,	Frank A. Thurber,	52 00	400 00
Oscar C. Rawson,	Louisa M. Dore,	1 20	200 00
Alexander Ritchie,		4 40	200 00
Simon P. Rawson,	Zilpha M. Rawson,	30 83	500 00
Margaret Stearns,	Mrs. O. C. Emerson,	16 50	300 00
E. M. Southwick,	G. M. Bridge,	77 50	500 00
O. N. Thurber,	Eliza Williams,	113 30	300 00
Susan V. Thayer,		25 42	500 00
E. T. Thayer,		22 67	400 00
Louis Terrier,		5 00	400 00
John Vallier,	Mrs. John Vallier,	18 45	300 00
James Wixtead,		7 75	100 00
Thomas Wixtead,	Mrs. J. B. Chapdelain,	2 87	200 00
Albert Whipple,	Wm. H. Metcalf,	15 10	200 00
Willard Whipple,		14 47	450 00
Mary J. Willis,		48 17	500 00

Maria C. Wood,	\$4 75	\$100 00
Frank E. Wellman,	10 17	200 00
Phoebe Young, W. F. Young,	35 67	500 00
Amos C. Yates, ins. paid 4.70, int. 107.63,	112 33	400 00
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	\$1,526 07	\$15,730 00

Recapitulation.

Notes due the town Mar. 1, 1900,	\$15,730 00
Accrued interest,	1,526 07
Cash in hands of Agent,	7,556 56
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Value of Devise Mar. 1, 1900,	\$24,813 63
Value of Devise Mar. 1, 1899,	24,202 29
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Net gain for the year,	\$611 34

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ORLAN F. CHASE, Agent.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Annual Report

OF

The Free Public Library.

Report of Treasurer.

		DR.
1899.		
Mar. 1.	Cash in town treasury,	\$231 27
June 3.	rec'd fines and catalogues,	3 58
Sept. 1.	fines and catalogues,	2 37
Dec. 4.	fines and catalogues,	4 92
1900.		
Feb. 25.	fines and catalogues,	2 86
	dog fund,	277 25
		<hr/> \$522 25
1899.		CR.
May 29.	By paid for fire kindlers,	\$2 50
	one year's rent to Mar. 1, '99,	100 00
June 3.	Alice Luther,	20 00
	cleaning library,	1 53
Sept. 1.	Alice Luther,	20 00
	" " catalogueing,	1 05
30.	for 300 addendas, No. 11,	4 50
	" " 9,	4 00
	" " 16,	4 50
	binding 50 complete catalogues,	50
	for 1,000 labels of rules,	2 00
	Baker and Taylor Co., for books,	149 89
	freight and postage,	1 25
	books,	4 20

Sep. 30.	By paid six months' rent,	\$50 00
Dec. 4.	Alice Luther,	20 00
	“ “ shears and postage,	45
1900.		
Feb. 28.	“ “	20 00
	“ “ getting in wood,	25
	six months rent,	50 00
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		\$456 62
	Cash in town treasury,	65 63
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		\$522 25

C. J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

Report of Librarian.

Whole number of books in library,	3,768
Number added during the year,	167
Number issued during the year,	9,066
Average number issued on Wednesday,	100
Average number issued on Saturday evening,	88
Amount of fines for the year,	\$13 97
Balance of fines March 1, '99,	25 10— \$39 07
Amount collected for fines,	\$12 43
Catalogues sold,	1 30
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Paid to treasurer,	\$13 73
Amount collected for fines,	\$12 43
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Balance due Mar. 1, 1900,	\$26 64

ALICE E. LUTHER, Librarian.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births.

Whole number,		66
males,	40	
females,	26—	66
foreign parentage,	32	
mixed parentage,	15	
American parentage,	19—	66

Marriages,

Whole number,		23
Foreign birth,	19	
American birth,	27—	46
Residents in Douglas,	27	
Residents elsewhere,	19—	46
First marriage,	41	
Second marriage,	5—	46

Deaths.

Whole number,		47
males,	28	
females,	19—	47
foreign birth,	12	
American birth,	35—	47

Number under 1 year,		10	
between 1 and 5,		5	
5	10,	1	
10	20,	2	
20	30,	5	
30	40,	5	
40	50,	4	
50	60,	4	
60	70,	2	
70	80,	6	
80	90,	3—	47

Dogs Registered.

Whole number,			158
Males,	148 @ \$2.00	\$296 00	
Females,	8 @ 5.00	40 00	
Females, spayed,	2 @ 2.00	4 00—	\$340 00

C. H. BACHELER, Town Clerk.

BY=LAWS
OF THE
Town of Douglas.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Every warrant for a Town Meeting shall be served by posting attested copies of the same at least ten days before the time of the meeting to be held under it in three public places, as follows: At the Post-Offices at East Douglas and Douglas Centre, and one on the schoolhouse in South Douglas.

SECTION 2. In town meetings, all persons present shall, on request of the moderator, as far as practicable, be seated.

SECTION 3. No motion shall be entertained at an adjourned meeting, for the reconsideration of any vote passed

at the original meeting, or at any adjournment of the same, unless notice of such motion shall have been given at such original meeting, or at any adjournment of the same ; but this by-law may be suspended in any particular case by a vote of three-fourths of those present and voting.

SECTION 4. When any one addresses the Chair, he shall rise and stand uncovered.

SECTION 5. The duties of the presiding officer not specially provided for by law, shall be determined by rules of parliamentary law contained in Cushing's "Manual," so far as they are adapted to town meetings.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third Monday of March in each year.

SECTION 2. The fiscal year, so far as the accounts of the several town officers are concerned, shall close on the first day of March ; and all accounts shall be made up to that time.

SECTION 3. SELECTMEN The Selectmen shall have the general care and custody, direction and management of all the property of the Town, in all matters not otherwise provided for. They shall count the cash belonging to the Town, in the Town Treasurer's possession, and examine and fully verify his bank deposit standing in the name of the Town, on the first day of March each year, and certify to the Town, in their annual report, that they have done so ; and if everything connected therewith is found correct, they shall declare that the amounts agree with

the Treasurer's report regarding the same, or otherwise, as they shall find it.

They shall, in ample time before policies expire, see to the renewal of all fire insurance on the Town's properties, and shall keep such property properly insured.

They shall print the by-laws of the town in full in each annual report of the Town Officers.

SECTION 4. TREASURER. The Town Treasurer shall not use any money or funds belonging to the Town, in the payment of any of his own or any other person's private bills or obligations, nor for any other purpose, except for paying Town notes, interest on Town notes, and the State and County taxes, except on orders signed by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

He shall give no Town notes, except the same are approved and countersigned by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen. He shall prepare and deliver to the Board of Selectmen, on or before the fifth day of March of each year, a full statement, in detail, of all receipts and payments of money by him as Town Treasurer, showing the balance of his account on the first day of March, with a statement of the property of the Town in his possession, and all notes or other obligations given by him or by his predecessors, and outstanding against the Town on the first day of March of each year, stating to whom each note is payable, when due, and the rate of interest said note or other obligation is drawing. He shall keep all Town notes that have been paid and cancelled, and all cancelled bank checks, and all orders drawn by the Selectmen, and other valuable documents or papers belonging to the Town, or relating to the affairs of the Town in his department, which shall be always subject to the inspection and

examination of the Selectmen ; he shall give his bond within five days after his election, to the Town Clerk for his custody and safe-keeping, which shall first be subject to the approval of the Selectmen endorsed thereon in writing.

SECTION 5. Money belonging to the Town, if deposited by the Treasurer or the agent, on the devise of Moses Wallis, shall be deposited in some bank or Trust Company, allowing interest on daily balances, and the interest on said deposits credited to the town.

ARTICLE III.

CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN AND ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the School Committee of the Town to appoint two suitable persons to be designated as "Truant Officers," who shall, under the direction of said Committee, inquire into all cases coming under this article, and shall alone be authorized, in case of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereof.

Truant officers so appointed shall at all times be subject to removal by the School Committee, and their compensation shall be fixed by the School Committee, and shall be paid from the Treasury of the Town.

SECTION 2. The Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., is hereby assigned as the place of confinement, discipline and instruction of persons convicted under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. Any child between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who is an habitual truant, or is found wandering about the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, or growing up in ignorance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be committed to the Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., for such term as the Justice or Court having jurisdiction may determine.

SECTION 4. Truant officers appointed as herein provided, are authorized and empowered to take into custody any such child, and place him in the school to which he shall have been assigned by the School Committee of the town.

ARTICLE IV.

PENAL LAW.

SECTION 1. No person shall play at any game of ball or football, or throw ball, or stones, or snow-balls in the streets within the limits of the East Douglas fire district.

Nor shall any person deposit within any street or public places any ashes, cinders, fish or any waste-matter whatever, except by the consent of the Selectmen; nor set or plant any trees within the limits of the streets or highways of said town, without the consent of the person having the care of said streets and highways.

SECTION 2. No person shall course, coast or slide upon the streets or sidewalks of the town upon any hand-sled, board, jumper, or otherwise, except at such places and under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen shall designate and require.

SECTION 3. No person shall wheel, drive, or draw any coach, cart, hand-barrow, sled, bicycle, or other carriage of burden or pleasure (except children's hand-carriages, drawn by hand), or drive, or permit any horse, neat cattle, or sheep under his care to go or stand upon any sidewalk, or stand upon any street-crossing, so as to obstruct public travel.

SECTION 4. No person shall behave himself in a rude and disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any street, highway, or other public place in the town, or near any dwelling-house or other building not his own, therein, or be or remain upon any sidewalk or fence contiguous to a highway or street, or upon any doorstep, portico, or other projection from any such house or other building, nor in any church, meeting-house, railroad depot or platform, public hall or entrance thereto, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person; nor shall any person, at, near, or upon any such dwelling-house, building, sidewalk, doorstep, portico, fence or projection, or any such meeting-house, public hall, railroad depot or platform, or entrance thereto, commit any nuisance, or by any noise, gesture, or other means, wantonly or designedly drive or frighten any horse in any street, highway or public place in the town.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES. Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding by-laws, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) for each offence, to be forfeited and paid to the Town, unless when different provision is made by the laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 6. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or annulled at any meeting called for the purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting thereon.

SECTION 7. If these by-laws be adopted by the town and approved by the Court, all by-laws heretofore adopted by the Town and now in force, inconsistent with these by-laws, shall become null and void.

These by-laws shall be in force when approved by the Court.

A. F. BROWN,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
WILLIAM ABBOTT,		
JOHN M. RAWSON,		

DOUGLAS, MASS.

Adopted *April* 26, 1897.

C. H. BACHELER,
Town Clerk of Douglas.

By a vote at the same time and place Mr. William Abbott was authorized to present these by-laws to the Court for approval.

C. H. BACHELER,
Town Clerk.

Annual Reports

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

Town of Douglas,

FOR YEAR ENDING

March 1, 1900.

PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1900.

School Committee,

S. F. Root,	Term expires March 1, 1902
A. J. Thayer,	1902
Fred A. Place,	1902
W. W. Brown,	1901
C. J. Batcheller,	1901
M. M. Luther,	1901
E. E. Young,	1900
F. F. Young,	1900
H. O. Lamson,	1900

The Committee met March 1899, and organized as follows :

President, A. J. Thayer.

Clerk, Fred A. Place.

Superintending Committee, { S. F. Root,
C. J. Batcheller,
E. E. Young.

Purchasing Agent,—C. J. Batcheller.

Truant Officer,— F. F. Young.

Teachers,

George H. Stoddard,	Edith M. Abbott,
Lillian G. Lincoln,	Etta H. Johnson,
Rosa M. Bumstead,	Laura E. Brown,
Euna L. Buffington,	K. Helena Wixtead,
Nellie McDermott,	Mary J. Lawlor,
Gertrude Smith.	

Statistics.

Whole number of school children as shown by School Census, Sept. 1, 1899,	407
Number of persons in the town Sept. 1, 1899, between the ages of 5 and 15,	328
Number of persons in the town Sept. 1, 1899, between the ages of 7 and 14,	227
Number of different pupils in all the schools March 1, 1899,	375
Number attending under 5 years of age,	9
Number attending over 15 years of age,	19
Number attending between the ages of 7 and 14,	248
Average membership of all the schools,	332
Average attendance of all the schools,	295
The per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership,	89
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	94
Average number of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	$9\frac{2}{5}$
Whole number female teachers,	9
male " "	1
Average monthly wages of female teachers,	\$35 66
male teachers,	90 00

Appropriations and Receipts.

Appropriations for public schools, and for transportation of pupils, Mar. 1, 1899,	\$5,000 00
Books and supplies,	300 00
State school fund,	294 38
Town school fund, (interest),	56 48
Received for school books sold,	10 50
New books and supplies on hand,	215 00
Rec'd for tuition of out-of-town pupils,	21 85
Balance unexpended,	216 46— \$6,114 67

Expenditures.

Teachers,		\$3,748 00
Permanent repairs,		165 62
Truant Officer,		15 00
Care of school houses,		511 50
Purchasing agent,		25 00
Books and supplies,	\$325 97	
Increase of supplies on hand,	14 43	
Books and supplies sold,	10 50—	24 93—
Total cost of books and supplies,		300 94
Fuel,	559 45	
Coal on hand at new school house,	183 75—	365 70
Transportation of pupils,		715 00
Superintending committee,		150 00
School census, 1898,		7 00
1899,		10 50
Cleaning new school house,		19 80
Flag pole and irons,		21 80
Balance unexpended,		58 81
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		\$6,114 67

Report of the School Committee.

In presenting this report for the year ending March 1, 1900, your school committee take much pleasure in saying that we are able to report a full year's work, with good results.

We are convinced that all persons employed in behalf of the schools have endeavored to do the best in their power to promote the intellectual moral, and physical well being of the children therein.

Our new, modern school house with its perfect system of lighting, heating and sanitation, has fulfilled all our expectations, and the increased interest in school work, the higher moral tone of the pupils, and the general desire to aid the janitor and the teachers in keeping the building, its conveniences, and its attractive school-rooms in the best condition, proves that the children are proud of their school-house and appreciate its benefits. The necessity for order, cleanliness and regard for the rights of others is plainly seen, and the rules therefore are cheerfully obeyed by most of the scholars. In the few instances where these rules have been transgressed, firm and resolute action on the part of the committee, teachers and parents has resulted in converting the child to submission to rightful authority.

SCHOOL AT SOUTH DOUGLAS.

By vote of the town last March, the school at South Douglas was re-opened and Miss Lawlor became its teacher. The register shows that the largest number of scholars at any time during the year has been only 12 scholars, while the average attendance has been only $9\frac{1}{3}$ scholars.

ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Your committee departed from the previous custom here, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Agent of the State Board of Education admitted all applicants whose records of scholarship were up to the required standard.

DRAWING.

In accordance with State requirements Drawing has been introduced into our schools, and Miss Susan B. Hayward has been employed as teacher. The results of her teaching have been quite satisfactory, notably in the lower grades. Quite an outlay from the school funds was necessary in initiating this study, but it cannot be doubted that the gain to the children in the training of eye and hand, has compensated for the expense incurred.

OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

This is found to be a help in the work of the schools. Provision is made whereby teachers may draw reference and other books from the Library for use in the school room. It is suggested that teachers, scholars and parents would do well to furnish the trustees of the Library with lists of such books as may be supplementary to the text-books, particularly in the line of History and Geography, such as books of travel, biography, and the so-called historical novel.

TRUANCY.

With a truant officer who understands his duty and does it, we are able to report that the cases of habitual truancy are comparatively few. It may be well here to state the letter of the law regarding truancy. Chap. 494, Acts of 1898, Sections 24, 25, and 26, name the three classes of children that may be committed to truant schools. 1st.—Habitual absentees or children between seven and sixteen, who are found wandering about, growing up in idleness and ignorance. 2nd.—Habitual truants, children between seven and fourteen years of age. 3rd.—Habitual school offenders or children under fourteen, who persistantly violate reasonable school regulations or misbehave at school so as to become fit subjects for expulsion.

SUPPLIES AND SCHOOL BOOKS.

Under the management of our present purchasing agent, the expense for school books and supplies has been reduced from over five hundred dollars a year to a little more than three hundred. But this year it will be necessary to purchase new Geographies, and we ask for an appropriation of four hundred dollars to meet the expense of this department.

STATISTICS.

In order that the report of statistics may harmonize with the school year, the State Board requires the reports to be made for the year from Sept. 1 to Sept. 1. This has caused a repetition in some calculations, and may account for some seeming discrepancies.

CONCLUSION.

The committee realize fully the impossibility of thorough supervision of the schools under the present system. Business men with other paramount interests have but little time to visit

schools. Schools must of necessity be better managed and have better methods when the teachers' work has the critical oversight of a trained superintendent, and we recommend that as soon as practicable, this town, either by uniting with other towns or by combining the office of Superintendent with that of High School teacher, place our schools on a par with those of neighboring towns.

Good schools in good, healthy, school buildings, attractively situated, are the best indication of the moral and intellectual standing of a community, and are of no mean value in attracting and holding a desirable class of citizens.

S. F. ROOT,	} Superintending Committee.
C. J. BATCHELLER,	
E. E. YOUNG,	

